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Subject: Revegetation Recommendations, Daggett County Clay Pit, Daggett County, S/009/0004, Daggett County, Utah

Dear Mr. Olsen:

On November 5, 2014, I inspected the Daggett County Clay Pit for the purpose of seeing whether it meets revegetation and other criteria for final release of reclamation liability. A copy of the inspection report is enclosed.

The purpose of this letter is to outline recommendations for getting final release. We appreciate your efforts to reclaim the site. Grading has been done well, but, as well as I could determine, vegetation does not meet regulatory requirements as discussed below.

The standards for revegetation are that the vegetation meets requirements for the postmining land use (probably grazing and wildlife habitat), that it is adequate to control erosion, and that vegetation cover is at least 70 percent of the cover in surrounding areas. **Alternatively, it can be considered successful if vegetation has been established within practical limits.**

I did not measure vegetation cover, but the dominant species present, primarily Russian thistle and a grass which I believe to be cheatgrass, do not meet the requirements for the postmining land use.

Before reclamation liability is released, the old dozer should be removed.

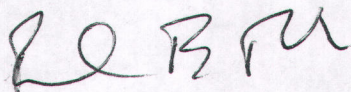
I recommend that you wait until about October; scarify the areas with a small disc, spring-tooth harrow, or similar piece of equipment pulled behind an ATV or small tractor; then re-seed. If you do this, please keep records and take photos of the work performed. Submit these, including the seed tag, to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. Using this information, we can likely make a determination that revegetation has been completed within practical limits.



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Please contact me at 801-538-5261 if you have questions about these recommendations or any other aspects of this letter. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Baker'.

Paul Baker
Minerals Program Manager

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Enclosure: Inspection report
cc: Leslie Hepler
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